

# ESPRIT ORCHESTRA 30TH ANNIVERSARY

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**ORION**  
**THURSDAY,**  
**JANUARY 31,**  
**2013**

CONCERT 8:00 PM  
PRE-CONCERT TALK 7:15 PM  
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### PROGRAMME

**CLAUDE VIVIER**

*Orion*

**PAUL FREHNER**

*Phantom Suns\**

**IGOR STRAVINSKY**

*Le sacre du printemps /*

*The Rite of Spring*

reduced orchestra version

arranged by Jonathan

McPhee

*\*Esprit Commission and  
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This concert simultaneously celebrates Esprit's 30th Anniversary and the 30th Anniversary of the death of Claude Vivier as well as the 100th anniversary of the premiere of Stravinsky's *The Rite of Spring* – one of the most important and revolutionary works in the history of music. The inclusion of Frehner's new work adds to the impressive list of Esprit's premieres this season. Vivier's *Orion*, haunting, sensual and evocative, takes shape as a cosmic soundscape of luminous twinkling and all-encompassing clouds of sound. This program luxuriates in the widest range of sonic perspectives. Stravinsky's work depicts a solemn pagan rite: wise elders, seated in a circle, watching a young girl dance herself to death – sacrificing her to the propitiate god of Spring. The piece is a set of scenes of earthly joy and celestial triumph as understood by the Slavs.

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